

From: [Santos, Carmen](#)
To: [Ron Pauer](#)
Subject: RE: PCB Release at LBNL
Date: Thursday, May 08, 2014 10:08:00 AM

Hello Ron:

Are you available for a phone call on Friday May 9 at 10:00 am? Please confirm.

Thank you for your courtesies.

Sincerely,
Carmen

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From: Ron Pauer [<mailto:ropauer@lbl.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2014 3:54 PM
To: Santos, Carmen
Cc: David Baskin
Subject: Re: PCB Release at LBNL

Hi Carmen,

I didn't hear back from you regarding my last email and would like to close this out from an EPA perspective. Is there a good time for you to take a phone call either Thursday or Friday morning?

In the meantime, we have been preparing a 10-day report, (due tomorrow, Thursday) as required by our DTSC hazardous waste permit and will send you a copy of that

document.

On Wed, Apr 30, 2014 at 5:49 PM, Ron Pauer <ropauer@lbl.gov> wrote:

Hi Carmen,

In this case, there isn't an existing PCB source that leaked resulting in a PCB release to the soil. There is an old building foundation and the PCB soil contamination was found next to it. How would the PCB Spill Policy apply in this case where the source is not known?

On Wed, Apr 30, 2014 at 2:35 PM, Santos, Carmen <Santos.Carmen@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello Ron:

I received your message. We are in the process of moving to another floor within the EPA office building and have been packing to meet the May 2 deadline.

We should talk about this spill. The Sill Policy in 40 CFR 761 Subpart G (40 CFR 761.120) applies if the source contained PCBs at levels equal to or above 50 mg/kg. LBNL must report the spill as require in that policy. If you like to discuss, I can talk to you after 4: 15 PM today April 30, 2014.

Thank you for your courtesies.

Sincerely,
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From: Ron Pauer [mailto:ropauer@lbl.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2014 9:20 AM
To: Santos, Carmen
Cc: David Baskin
Subject: Fwd: PCB Release at LBNL

Hi Carmen,

On 4/28 I called your office and left a voice mail message regarding a PCB release discovered at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. The release was reported to DTSC as required by their permit for hazardous waste operations at LBNL. Please see attached message sent to our DTSC site manager, Jacinto Soto. We are planning to follow a corrective action process as mandated by DTSC's requirements. Please let me know if there are any actions specific to EPA Region 9 requirements.

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From: Ron Pauer <ropauer@lbl.gov>
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2014 at 12:55 PM
Subject: PCB Release at LBNL
To: Jacinto Soto <jsoto@dtsc.ca.gov>
Cc: Karen Toth <ktoth@dtsc.ca.gov>, "Bazzell, Kevin" <kevin.bazzell@emcbc.doe.gov>, Joseph Harkins <jpharkins@lbl.gov>, Mary Gross <MCGross@lbl.gov>, David Kestell <djkestell@lbl.gov>, Jack Salazar <jjsalazar@lbl.gov>, James Floyd <JGFloyd@lbl.gov>, "Abbott, Kim" <Kim.Abbott@bso.science.doe.gov>, Ted Mankowski <TMankowski@lbl.gov>, Steven Enright <sfenright@lbl.gov>, David Diamond <dsdiamond@lbl.gov>, David Baskin <DABaskin@lbl.gov>

Hi Jacinto,

I just left a phone message for you regarding a PCB release discovered in the soil at LBNL. At a single location, soil samples collected at 5 and 6 feet showed levels of 266 and 316 mg/kg total PCBs. As required by DTSC's hazardous waste permit for LBNL, a written report will be submitted within 10 days "summarizing the findings including the immediacy and magnitude of potential threat to human health and/or the environment".

Please feel free to call me if you would like to discuss.